

November 11, 2001

Dear Dr. Stokes:

This letter is being written to you on behalf of the thousands of lab animals that are killed each year in the LD50 Test. Simply stated, that test is no longer needed.

Scientists from the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS) have put forth a plan that would stop the unnecessary killing of these animals and actually save money -- by using in-vitro culture tests.

It is time to step into the 21st century and follow the lead that Europe has started by banning the LD50 Test. Please do all that you can to implement the in-vitro culture tests. It's the right thing to do.

Thank you for your efforts in this most timely matter.

Sincerely,

Gail Heitman